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VIA ECFS

Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Written Ex Parte Presentation**
 ET Docket No. 16-414, *Evolv Technologies, Inc. Request for Waiver of Sections*
 15.35(b) and 15.209(a)

Dear Chairman Pai:

In your brief tenure as Chairman, you've made sure that the Commission does what it can to serve and protect the American public. Your attention to the needs of those in Texas in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, including your visit there, is recent and real evidence of that. That's why I am certain you will wish to ensure that the Commission acts soon to grant the above-referenced waiver request we submitted on December 16, 2016 – nearly nine months ago.

Every day that passes is a lost opportunity for the Commission to better protect the public. The device for which we've sought approval – the “Edge” – is the first security screening product designed specifically to detect suicide bombs and firearms – the types of mass casualty threats seen so recently at the Congressional baseball practice attack in Arlington, and in the senseless attacks in Orlando, San Bernardino, Manchester (UK), Paris, and Brussels – the types of attacks we're seeing in headlines every day. The technology is fast, proven, and inexpensive, providing effective security without slowing down the speed of everyday life.

There were NO comments or objections to our request, and we have conformed our request to be identical to a request the Commission granted long ago and, in fact, extended and broadened in November 2016, *after* the Commission had approved licensed mobile operations in some of bands in which the Edge will operate. Granting our waiver request is not only in the national security interest, it's in the interest of accelerating innovation, in this case by a small business, in the area of national security. We have users waiting to deploy the Edge system to protect their facilities from mass casualty attacks, but we cannot ship the system until the Commission acts.

Please let me know if you have any questions about our long-pending request so that you can continue your good efforts to allow telecommunications technology to serve our nation and protect its citizens.



Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter has been electronically submitted in the record of this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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